

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): A ~~The profiled cover for floor coverings~~ covering device ~~made from an extruded profile~~ in accordance with Claim 9 10, wherein the compensating strip has the basic form of an angle section with two legs, the leg with the tongue being adjacent to ~~an~~ the underside of the covering flange of the profiled cover and the other leg forming an extension of the profiled cover extending downward.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A ~~The profiled cover for floor coverings~~ covering device ~~made from an extruded profile~~ in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the compensating strip is provided with at least one supporting leg projecting from the leg with the tongue.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~A The profiled cover for floor coverings covering device made from an extruded profile~~ in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the at least one supporting leg of the compensating strip forms a coupling projection ~~for connection to the fixture for the profiled cover.~~

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~A The profiled cover for floor coverings covering device made from an extruded profile~~ in accordance with Claim 9 10, wherein the compensating strip is provided with a peripheral projection on ~~the~~ a leg adjacent to the covering flange to serve as a retaining lug, said peripheral projection engaging in a second longitudinal groove serving as a retaining recess on ~~an~~ the underside of the covering flange or on ~~the~~ a side of the at least one clamping web of the profiled cover facing the compensating strip, ~~forming~~ wherein the engaging forms a pivot axis for the compensating strip.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~A The profiled cover for floor coverings covering device made from an extruded profile~~ in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the leg of the compensating strip adjacent to the covering flange is provided with an adhesive surface on the side of the at least one clamping web

facing the covering flange.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~Method~~ The method in accordance with Claim 7 11, further comprising the step of:

coating a first visible surface of the profiled cover, a second visible surface of the compensating strip, and a transition surface of the connecting land before the compensating strip is separated from the profiled cover;

wherein the ~~connecting land forms a transition surface joining of the connecting land joins the first visible surfaces surface of the profiled cover and the second visible surface of the compensating strip, the transition surface being coated together with the visible surfaces of the profiled cover and the compensating strip, before the connecting land is severed.~~

Claim 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (New): A floor covering device comprising:

(a) a profiled cover made of an extruded profile, the

profiled cover comprising a covering flange and at least one clamping web protruding downward from the covering flange and extending in a longitudinal direction of the profiled cover;

wherein the covering flange comprises an underside comprising a first contact surface, a second contact surface, a groove section in the first contact surface, and at least one longitudinal groove in the groove section, the first contact surface extending past the at least one clamping web on a first side of the profiled cover and the second contact surface extending past the at least one clamping web on a second side of the profiled cover; and

(b) a compensating strip comprising a tongue and fastened to the covering flange;

wherein the at least one longitudinal groove of the profiled cover and the tongue of the compensating strip form a tongue-and-groove joint fastening the compensating strip to the covering flange as the tongue projects into the at least one longitudinal groove and the at least one longitudinal groove retains the tongue;

wherein the groove section is supported flat over the compensating strip;

wherein the first contact surface is supported flat over the

compensating strip; and

wherein the second contact surface can be supported flat over a floor cover segment.

Claim 11 (New): A method for the production of a floor covering device comprising the steps of:

producing an extruded profiled comprising a profiled cover connected to a compensating strip via a connecting land, the connecting land serving as a spacer; and

separating the compensating strip from the profiled cover with a separating cut through the connecting land;

wherein the profiled cover is suitable without the compensating strip to be employed between a first floor covering having a first height and a second floor covering having a second height equal to the first height;

wherein the profiled cover has a covering flange and at least one clamping web protruding downward from the covering flange, extending in a longitudinal direction of the profiled cover and suitable for fastening the profiled cover to a fixture;

wherein the covering flange comprises an underside comprising a first contact surface, a second contact surface, a

groove section in the first contact surface, and at least one longitudinal groove in the groove section, the first contact surface extending past the at least one clamping web on a first side of the profiled cover and the second contact surface extending past the at least one clamping web on a second side of the profiled cover;

wherein the compensating strip comprises a tongue for fastening the compensating strip to the covering flange;

wherein the at least one longitudinal groove of the profiled cover and the tongue of the compensating strip form a tongue-and-groove joint so that the compensating strip can be fastened to the covering flange, the tongue projecting from the compensating strip and able to project into the at least one longitudinal groove, the at least one longitudinal groove being able to retain the tongue;

wherein the groove section can be supported flat over the compensating strip;

wherein the first contact surface can be supported flat over the compensating strip; and

wherein the second contact surface can be supported flat over a floor cover segment.

Claim 12 (New): A floor covering device comprising:

a profiled cover made of an extruded profile, the profiled cover comprising a covering flange and at least one clamping web protruding downward from the covering flange and extending in a longitudinal direction of the profiled cover;

wherein the covering flange comprises an underside comprising a first contact surface, a second contact surface, a groove section in the first contact surface, and at least one longitudinal groove in the groove section, the first contact surface extending past the at least one clamping web on a first side of the profiled cover and the second contact surface extending past the at least one clamping web on a second side of the profiled cover;

wherein the at least one longitudinal groove of the profiled cover can receive a tongue of a compensating strip to form a tongue-and-groove joint that can fasten the compensating strip to the covering flange as the tongue projects into the at least one longitudinal groove and the at least one longitudinal groove retains the tongue, so that the groove section would be supported flat over the compensating strip and the first contact surface would be supported flat over the compensating strip; and

wherein the second contact surface can be supported flat over a floor cover segment.